

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON
UM 1357**

In the Matter of)	
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The First Amended and Restated Intervenor)	PETITION TO INTERVENE OF SMALL
Funding Agreement)	BUSINESS UTILITY ADVOCATES
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Pursuant to ORS 756.525, and OAR 860-001-0300, Small Business Utility Advocates, (“SBUA”), petitions the Oregon Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) to intervene in this proceeding. In support of this petition, SBUA represents as follows:

1. The contact information for Petitioner to be included on the service list is:

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2. SBUA is represented in this matter by the following:

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3. SBUA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that represents, protects, and promotes the interests of small business utility customers. SBUA has approximately 250 members, of which many are Oregon-based entities. Membership includes at two member organization with several members which have done business in Oregon. Most Oregon SBUA members are customers of PacifiCorp or Portland General Electric (“PGE”). SBUA provides information and assistance to small business with regard to utility matters. SBUA represents the small business community regarding proceedings before utility commissions, appropriate federal

regulatory agencies, the courts, and other public bodies, and provides advice to small businesses with respect to utility service. The nature and extent of SBUA's interest in this docket includes SBUA's previous filing of a Petition for Precertification on February 9, 2017 to seek intervenor funding in Commission dockets through precertification,¹ Response to its Petition, and the upcoming Public Meeting set for March 21, 2017.

4. SBUA has raised issues pertaining to representation of small business or small nonresidential customers generally in Commission proceedings, and in this docket, the process of seeking precertification for intervenor funding to represent small nonresidential ratepayers on issues pertaining to rates and terms and conditions.

5. SBUA has special knowledge or expertise to contribute to this docket including experience in several cases where SBUA was case-certified, and also the perspective of small firms in the State of Oregon, including a wide variety of businesses, and state certified minority, woman-owned, and emerging small businesses, and benefit companies. SBUA and its legal counsel have substantial experience representing small business generally, and significant experience in utility regulatory matters, including representing and advising small business in rate-making and other utility regulatory matters.

6. SBUA has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding that is not represented by any other party, and will be affected by any Commission determination made in connection with this proceeding. It is in the public interest to allow SBUA to intervene in this proceeding. SBUA's intervention in this proceeding will assist the Commission in resolving the issues in this proceeding, and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay this proceeding.

7. SBUA requests the addresses above be added to service list.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Date: March 8, 2017

s/ Diane Henkels

Diane Henkels
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Counsel for Small Business Utility Advocates

¹ See Petition of SBUA for Precertification at <http://edocs.puc.state.or.us/efdocs/HAH/um1357hah154138.pdf>